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THROUGH: Deputy Director of Intelligence

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FROM: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Dissemination of Information on the Occurrence of USSR
Atomic Weapons Test Explosions

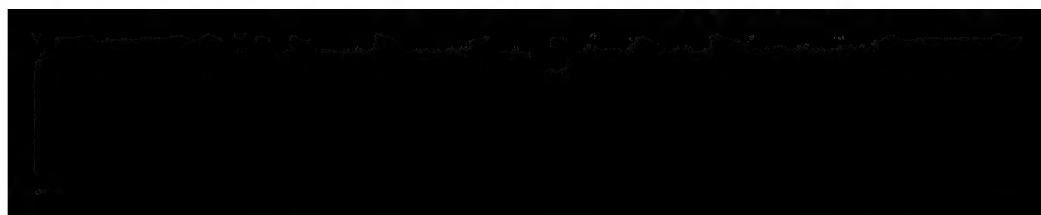
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1. PROBLEM.—To establish appropriate policies and procedures governing the dissemination of information on the occurrence of USSR atomic weapons test explosions.

2. DISCUSSION.—

a. Because of the "leak" to the press of information on the last two Soviet atomic weapons test explosions, it was necessary for the President to publicly announce the occurrence of these tests several days after they were detected.

b.



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c. This problem has been considered by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee, and recommended policies and procedures have been drafted which provide for more secure arrangements within the government for dissemination of information on the occurrence of USSR atomic weapon explosions. (See TAB A.) This proposal has been unanimously agreed to by all members of JAJIC.

d. The DCI has the authority to implement this proposal under the provisions of Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947 and NSCID No. 11, dated 6 January 1950, in connection with his responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. This can be accomplished by the issue of an appropriate DCID (TAB B) to the government officials involved both inside and outside the intelligence community.

e. DISCUSSION.—In the interest of national security, policies and procedures should be established which provide adequate limitations on the dissemination of information related to the occurrence of a Soviet atomic weapons test explosion.

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4. RECOMMENDATION.—The Director of Central Intelligence, with the concurrence of the IAC, issue a DCID substantially as outlined at TAB B.

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ANNEXES:

TAB A

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TAB B

CONCURRENCE:

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ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

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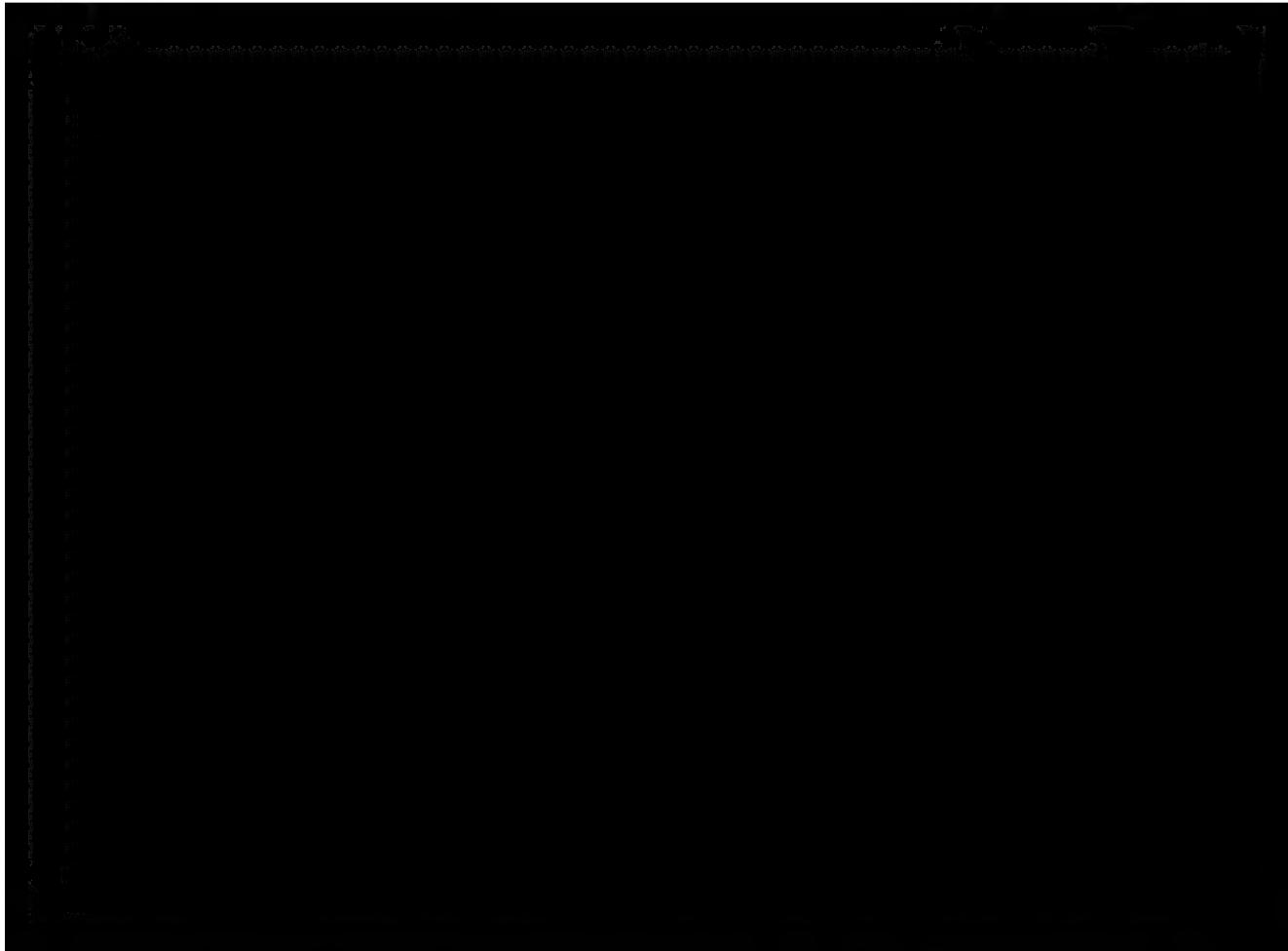


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(1) Central Intelligence Agency:

(a) Director of Central Intelligence
via: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director, Intelligence
Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

(b) The Director of Central Intelligence will inform:
the President
the Executive Secretary of the National
Security Council

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The Deputy to the Secretary of Defense
for Atomic Energy, who will inform
the Secretary of Defense and the
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
Staff

The Chairman, Joint Committee of Congress
on Atomic Energy

(2) Department of the Army:

Secretary of the Army
via: Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Operations
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence
Chief, Production Division, OAC/S, G-2

(3) Department of the Navy:

Secretary of the Navy
via: Director, Division of Atomic Energy
Deputy Director, Division of Atomic Energy
Chief of Naval Operations
Deputy Chief of Operations, Operations
Director of Naval Intelligence
Head, Scientific Intelligence Section

(4) Department of the Air Force:

Secretary of the Air Force
via: Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations
Director of Intelligence
Director of Operations
Director of Plans
Assistant for Atomic Energy
Deputy Director for Estimates
Deputy Director for Collection and Dissemination
Chief, Air Targets Division, Air Force Intelligence

(5) Atomic Energy Commission:

AEC Commissioners
General Manager

(6) Department of State:

Secretary of State
Under Secretary of State
Deputy Under Secretary of State

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Counselor
Director of the Policy Planning Staff
Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence

(7) Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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4. Dissemination through intelligence channels shall be accomplished prior to release of the information for public announcement.

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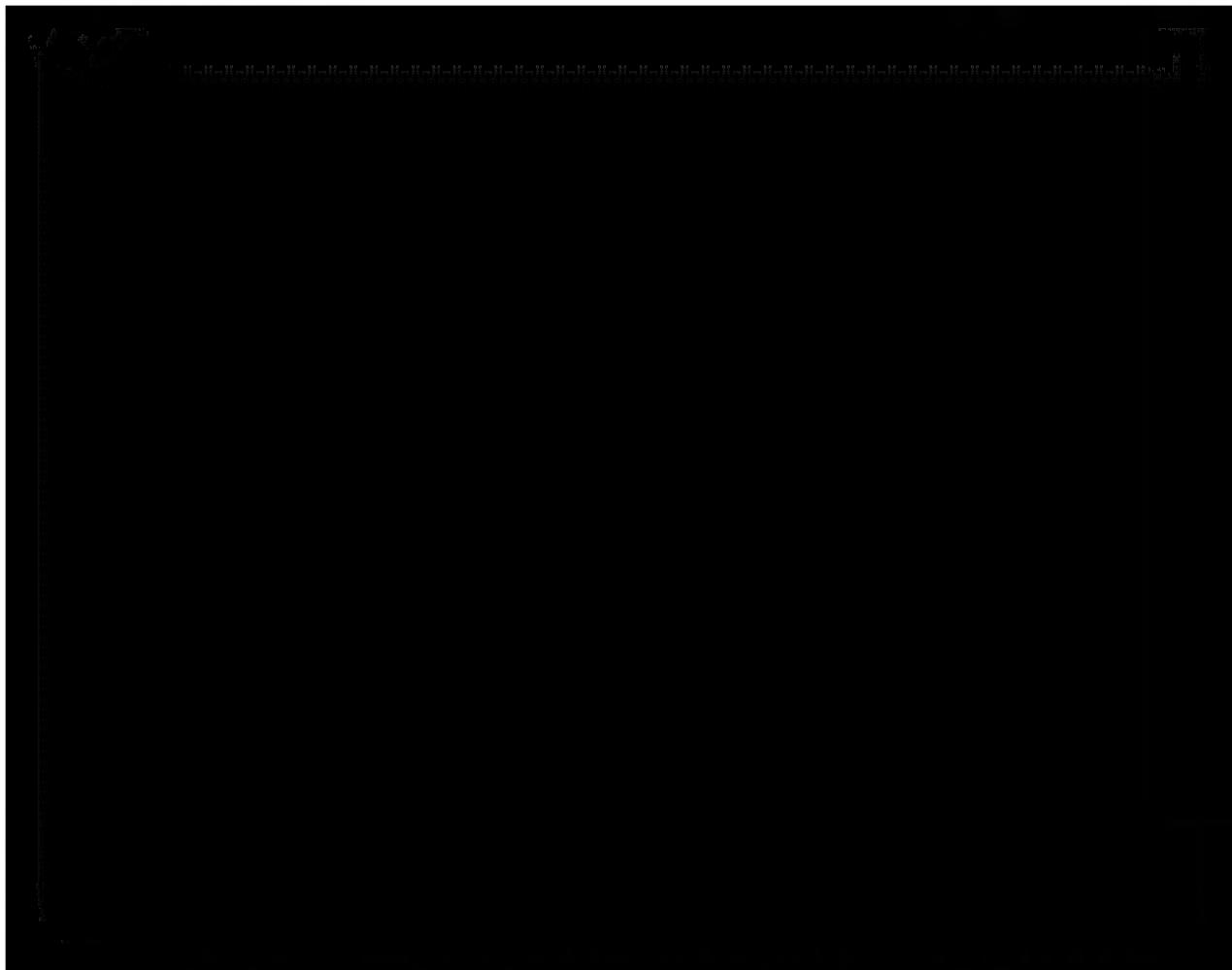
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Deputy Director, Intelligence

Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

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The President
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The Deputy to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy, who will inform the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Chairman, Joint Committee of Congress on Atomic Energy

(2) Department of the Army:

Secretary of the Army
via: Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Operations
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence
Chief, Production Division, OAC/S, G-2

(3) Department of the Navy:

Secretary of the Navy
via: Director, Division of Atomic Energy
Deputy Director, Division of Atomic ENERGY
Chief of Naval Operations
Deputy Chief of Operations, Operations
Director of Naval Intelligence
Head, Scientific Intelligence Section

(4) Department of the Air Force:

Secretary of the Air Force
via: Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations
Assistant for Atomic Energy
Director of Intelligence
Director of Operations
Director of Plans
Deputy Director for Estimates
Deputy Director for Collection and Dissemination
Chief, Air Targets Division, Air Force Intelligence

(5) Atomic Energy Commission:

AEC Commissioners
General Manager

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(6) Department of State:

Secretary of State
Under Secretary of State
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